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#### **BY ECF**

Judge Valerie E. Caproni United States District Judge Southern District of New York 40 Foley Square New York, New York 10007

Re: Glen Carwell v. City of New York, et al., 21-CV-00480 (VEC)

Your Honor:

I am the Senior Counsel in the Office of Georgia M. Pestana, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, representing defendants the City of New York and Detective Carlos Lozada in the above-referenced matter (hereinafter "defendants.") For the reasons set forth herein, defendants respectfully request that the Court endorse defendants' proposed briefing schedule for defendants' anticipated motion for summary judgment pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 56 and issue a stay of the limited discovery remaining in this matter, pending the resolution of the motion.

### A. Procedural Posture of the Case

Plaintiff failed to appear for his noticed deposition in this matter on January 18, 2022<sup>1</sup> and fact discovery is currently scheduled to close today, January 20, 2022. (See Case Management Plan, at ¶5(a), Civil Dkt. No. 22, filed October 18, 2021, attached as Exhibit "A").

On January 18, 2022, despite several follow up emails, neither plaintiff nor his counsel appeared virtually for plaintiff's noticed deposition. Defendants eventually spoke with one of plaintiff's counsels, Sameer Nath, Esq., who informed defendants, for the first time, that plaintiff was unable to appear at his deposition because Mr. Samuel DePaola, plaintiff's other attorney,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Defendants served plaintiff with a deposition notice on January 11, 2022 for his deposition to be conducted virtually on January 18, 2022. Defendants requested by email that counsel advise defendants immediately if the date and time of the deposition needed to be changed, which plaintiff did not do.

was on trial and unavailable to attend plaintiff's deposition. Mr. Nath did not explain why he was not available to attend the deposition, or why neither attorney had contacted defendants to reschedule the deposition. Mr. Nath also informed defendants, for the first time, that plaintiff was incarcerated in New Jersey, and therefore was also unavailable for his noticed deposition.

Plaintiff has not noticed any depositions in this matter, nor has he requested an extension of time to complete fact discovery. Because fact discovery is set to close today, rather than requesting an extension of discovery for the limited purpose of deposing plaintiff, given the various issues with rescheduling plaintiff's deposition, at this time, defendants propose that they file a fully dispositive motion for summary judgment based on the existing record in this matter. For the reasons discussed below, plaintiff has not, and cannot, adduce any evidence precluding a fully dispositive motion for summary judgment in favor of defendants. Defendants further request that the Court stay the remaining discovery in this matter, which should be limited to the deposition of plaintiff and expert discovery, if any.

### B. Factual Background and Plaintiff's Claims

Plaintiff was arrested on July 26, 2018, after a complaining victim, R.R.,<sup>2</sup> identified plaintiff out of a double-blind photo array as one of the two men who robbed him at gun-point on November 30, 2016. (See Photo Array, attached as Exhibit "B"). Plaintiff has previously given sworn testimony that he does not know who the aforementioned complaining victim is or any information about him, the robbery, his co-defendant in the robbery, or how it came to be that plaintiff was identified as the perpetrator. (See Plaintiff's 50-h Transcript, at 23:15-22; 25:23-25-26:1-2; and 27:6-9, attached as Exhibit "C.") According to plaintiff, on July 26, 2018 police knocked on his apartment door, his wife opened the door, plaintiff then walked to the door, the police asked if he was Glen Carwell, plaintiff responded in the affirmative, and plaintiff was then immediately handcuffed. (See Exhibit "C" at 15:14-25 and 17:16-25 – 18:1-3). Plaintiff also testified that he did not sustain any physical injures beyond his handcuffs allegedly being too tight, which only resulted in his wrists bothering him for a few hours, and for which he never sought medical attention. (See Exhibit "C" at 22:12-25 – 23:1-4).

Plaintiff brings claims pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1983 and New York State Law for: 1) Unlawful Search and Seizure; 2) False Arrest and False Imprisonment; 3) Excessive Force; 4) Malicious Prosecution; 5) Malicious Abuse of Process; 6) Denial of Right to a Fair Trial; 7) Deprivation of Rights and Denial of Equal Protection of the Laws; 8) Failure to Intervene; 9) Conspiracy to Interfere with Civil Rights and Failure to Prevent Conspiracy; and 10) Municipal Liability. All of these claims fail for the reasons set forth below.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For privacy and safety reasons, defendants refer to the complaining victim by his initials.

## I. <u>Plaintiff's False Arrest And Malicious Prosecution Claims Fail Because There Was Probable Cause To Arrest And Prosecute Plaintiff Because He Was Identified By The Victim Out Of A Photo Array.</u>

There was probable cause to arrest and prosecute plaintiff based on complaining victim R.R.'s identification of plaintiff from the double-blind photo array. "A claim for false arrest or false imprisonment fails when the arresting officer had probable cause to make the arrest." Sforza v. City of New York, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 27358, at \*40 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 31, 2009). Under New York law, the existence of probable cause is also a complete defense to a claim of malicious prosecution. Savino v. City of New York, 331 F.3d 63, 72 (2d Cir. 2003). "It is wellestablished that a law enforcement official has probable cause to arrest if he received his information from some person, normally the putative victim or eyewitness, unless the circumstances raise doubt as to the person's veracity." Panetta v. Crowley, 460 F.3d 388, 395 (2d Cir. 2006)(citations and internal quotations omitted). The veracity of those individuals "who are the victims of the very crime they report to the police is assumed." Miloslavsky v. AES Engineering Soc., Inc., 808 F. Supp. 351, 355 (S.D.N.Y. 1992) aff'd 993 F.2d 1534 (2d Cir. 1993.) "A positive photo identification by an eyewitness is normally sufficient to establish probable cause." Celestin v. City of New York, 581 F. Supp. 2d 420, 431 (E.D.N.Y. 2008); McGrier v. City of New York, et al., 16-CV-5667, Civil Dkt. No. 116, at p. 13 -14, (VEC)(S.D.N.Y. March 2019)("It is well established that '[a] positive photo identification by an eyewitness is normally sufficient to establish probable cause to arrest." (citing Celestin, 581 F. Supp. 2d 420, 431(E.D.N.Y 2008)(collecting cases)); see also Panetta, 460 F.3d at 395. At a minimum, under these circumstances, the officer would be entitled to qualified immunity. See McGrier, at p. 14, fn. 10; Cerrone v. Brown, 246 F. 3d 194, 202-03 (2d Cir. 2001).

Here, just like in <u>Cerrone</u> and <u>McGrier</u>, the photo array establishes probable cause for plaintiff's arrest and prosecution. The record evidence shows that on June 27, 2018, a complaining victim clearly identified plaintiff out of a photo array as one of the two men who robbed him at gun-point, and the report notes that R.R. signed his name to the photo array and was "absolutely sure" that plaintiff was indeed his robber. (<u>See</u> Exhibit "B.") Furthermore, because plaintiff testified under oath previously that he does not know who the aforementioned complaining victim is or any information about him or the circumstances surrounding his identification, plaintiff cannot refute the veracity of R.R. or argue that the photo array was in any way suggestive or improper (which plaintiff does not even allege.) (<u>See</u> Exhibit "C" at 23:15-22; 25:23-25 – 26:1-2; and 27:6-9.) At the very least, Detective Lozada should be entitled to qualified immunity. Therefore, summary judgment is warranted on plaintiff's false arrest and malicious prosecution claims based on the available record.

### II. Detective Lozada Was Not Present for Plaintiff's Arrest.

It is well-settled in this Circuit that the personal involvement of defendants in a constitutional violation is a prerequisite to an award of damages under § 1983. <u>Ashcroft v. Iqbal</u>, 556 U.S. 662, 677 (2009); <u>Colon v. Coughlin</u>, 58 F.3d 865,873 (2d Cir.1995). Here, Detective Lozada, the only individually named defendant in this case, was not physically present at plaintiff's apartment on July 26, 2018 when plaintiff was arrested and placed in handcuffs.

Therefore, plaintiff's excessive force and unlawful search and seizure claims fail against Detective Lozada due to lack of personal involvement.<sup>3</sup>

#### III. Plaintiff's Unlawful Search And Seizure Claim Further Fails On The Merits.

Where a suspect of a crime is standing directly in the doorway of their residence - such that "one step forward would have put her outside, one step backward would have put her in the vestibule of her residence," they are considered to be "in public" and, thus, a warrant is not required to effectuate a constitutional arrest. See United States v. Santana, 427 U.S. 38, 40 n.1, 42 (1976); see also United States v. 90-23 201st St., 775 F. Supp. 2d 545, 557-61 (E.D.N.Y. 2011). Indeed, police seeking to arrest a suspect without a warrant upon probable cause, while the suspect is standing in the doorway threshold of her residence, do not violate the Fourth Amendment, since such an area is a "public" place in which there is no expectation of privacy; in such case, the suspect is as exposed to the public view, speech, hearing, and touch as if she had been standing completely outside her house, and is therefore not subject to the protection of the Fourth Amendment. See Id. at 427 U.S. 38, 42.

Here, the record shows that the police knocked on plaintiff's apartment door, his wife opened the door, plaintiff then walked to the door, and once he identified himself, plaintiff was immediately arrested in his doorway. (See Exhibit "C" at 15:14-25 and 17:16-25 – 18:1-3). Based on plaintiff's own testimony, the officers did not violate plaintiff's constitutional rights by placing him under arrest without a warrant.

## IV. <u>Plaintiff's Excessive Force Claim Further Fails Because Plaintiff Suffered Only De Minimus Injuries.</u>

In making an assessment as to the reasonableness of an officer's use of force, the specific facts and circumstances surrounding the alleged incident must be examined. See Graham v. Connor, 490 U. S. 386, 396(1989). "Frequently, a reasonable arrest involves handcuffing the suspect, and to be effective[,] handcuffs must be tight enough to prevent the arrestee's hands from slipping out." Grant v. City of N.Y., 500 F. Supp. 2d 211, 217 (S.D.N.Y. 2007) (quoting Esmont v. City of N.Y., 371 F. Supp. 2d 202, 214 (E.D.N.Y.2005) (citations omitted)). As a matter of law, an "allegation of sore, yet uninjured, wrists [as a result of handcuffing] simply does not rise to the level of objective excess that reasonable police officers would consider to be unlawful conduct in an arrest situation." Wilder v. City of Amityville, 288 F. Supp. 2d 341, 344 (E.D.N.Y. 2003). Further, Courts have found de minimis injury to be probative of de minimis force. See Washpon v. Parr, 561 F. Supp. 2d 394, 407 (S.D.N.Y. 2008); Cunninham v. New York City, 04 Civ. 10232 (LBS), 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 69801, at \*17 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 18,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Moreover, these claims would fail in their entirety because plaintiff has failed to bring these claims against any individual defendant. Although he has not sought leave of Court to do so, plaintiff's arrest occurred on July 26, 2018, thus plaintiff is time-barred from adding any additional defendants. Ormiston v. Nelson, 117 F.3d 69, 71 (2d Cir. 1997.) Additionally, the deadline to amend the pleadings in this civil matter was November 17, 2021, and as such, has also long passed. (See Exhibit "A.")

2007) ("numerous courts have held that where plaintiff's injuries are <u>de minimus</u>, the claim of excessive force cannot rise to the level of a constitutional violation as a matter of law.").

Here, plaintiff has previously testified that as a result of his arrest he did not sustain <u>any</u> physical injures beyond his handcuffs allegedly being too tight, which only resulted in his wrists bothering him for a few hours, and for which plaintiff never sought medical attention. (See Exhibit "C" at 22:12-25 – 23:1-4). Plaintiff's lack of injury is further indication of the <u>de minimus</u> force utilized by the officers involved in his physical apprehension related to arrest. See Washpon v. Parr, 561 F. Supp. 2d 394, 407 (S.D.N.Y. 2008). Therefore, plaintiff's excessive force claim fails as a matter of law. <sup>4</sup>

For the foregoing reasons, the Court should decide defendants' motion for summary judgment at this time and stay the remaining discovery yet to be completed in this case, which is limited to 1) plaintiff's deposition; and 2) expert discovery, if any. Defendants respectfully request that the Court endorse the following proposed briefing schedule in anticipation of defendants' motion for summary judgment:

March 1, 2022 to file defendants' motion;

March 31, 2021 for plaintiff to file his Opposition; and

April 14, 2022 for defendants to file their Reply, if any.

Thank you for your consideration of the matters herein.

Respectfully submitted,

Mergan C. McKinney, Esq.

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Senior Counsel

Special Federal Litigation Division

cc: VIA ECF
Samuel C. DePaola
Attorney for Plaintiff

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Similarly, plaintiff has not, and will not, be able to adduce any evidence to support his Failure to Intervene, Conspiracy, Equal Protection, Malicious Abuse of Process, Denial of a Right to a Fair Trial, or Monell claims. Additionally, all of plaintiff's state law claims will fail due to plaintiff's untimely notice of claim in this matter. Defendants are prepared to brief each of these issues should the Court grant the instant request.

The pretrial conference will take place as scheduled on **January 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** The parties should appear for the conference by dialing 888-363-4749, using the access code 3121171 and the security code 0480.

Plaintiff must, by **January 26, 2022,** file his response, if any, to Defendants' proposed actions, including: (1) the stay of remaining discovery pending Defendants' proposed motion for summary judgment; and (2) the proposed briefing schedule for Defendants' motion.

SO ORDERED.

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HON. VALERIE CAPRONI

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

# Exhibit A

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a.	All fact discovery shall be completed no later than January 20, 2022 [A date not more than 90 days following the initial pretrial conference, unless the Court finds that the case presents unique complexities or other exceptional circumstances.]
b.	All expert discovery, including reports, production of underlying documents, and depositions, shall be completed no later than March 7, 2022 . [Absent exceptional circumstances, a date not more than 45 days from the date in paragraph 5(a) (i.e., the completion of all fact discovery).]
C.	Within two weeks of the date of entry of this Scheduling Order, the parties shall meet and confer in person to agree upon a joint plan for meeting the discovery deadlines.
d.	In the case of discovery disputes, the parties should follow Local Civil Rule 37.2 with the following modifications: Any party wishing to raise a discovery dispute with the Court must first meet and confer in good faith with the opposing party, in person, or by telephone, in an effort to resolve the dispute. If this process fails and the Court's intervention is required, the parties must jointly call Chambers to schedule a joint teleconference with the Court for prompt resolution of the dispute. The Court will determine during the teleconference whether additional submissions will be
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- This Order may not be modified or the dates herein extended except by further Order of the Court for good cause shown. Unless the Court orders otherwise, parties engaged in settlement negotiations must pursue settlement and conduct discovery simultaneously. Parties should not assume that they will receive an extension of an existing deadline if settlement negotiations fail. Any application to modify or extend the dates herein shall be made by written application no later than two business days before the date sought to be extended in accordance with the Court's Individual Practices.
- 10. The next pretrial conference is scheduled for January 22, 2021 at 10:00a.m. in Courtroom 443 of the Thurgood Marshall Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, New York, New York 10007. [Unless otherwise ordered, 10:00 a.m. on the first Friday after the deadline for completion of all fact discovery as set forth in paragraph 5(a).]

January 28, 2022

By Thursday of the week prior to that conference, the parties shall submit a joint letter regarding the status of the case. The letter should include the following information in separate paragraphs:

- a. a statement of all existing deadlines, due dates, and/or cut-off dates;
- b. a brief description of any outstanding motions;
- c. a brief description of the status of discovery and of any additional discovery that needs to be completed:
- d. a statement describing the status of any settlement discussions and whether the parties would like a settlement conference;
- e. a statement of the anticipated length of trial and whether the case is to be tried to a jury;
- f. a statement of whether any party anticipates filing a motion for summary judgment or a motion to exclude expert testimony;
- g. any other issue that the parties would like to address at the pretrial conference; and

h. any other information that the parties believe may assist the Court in advancing the case to settlement or trial.

Counsel for the Parties:

ACC Morgan McKinney for Defendants

Sameer Nath for Plaintiff

SO ORDERED.

Date: 10/18/2021

New York, New York

VALERIE CAPRONI

United States District Judge

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## Exhibit B



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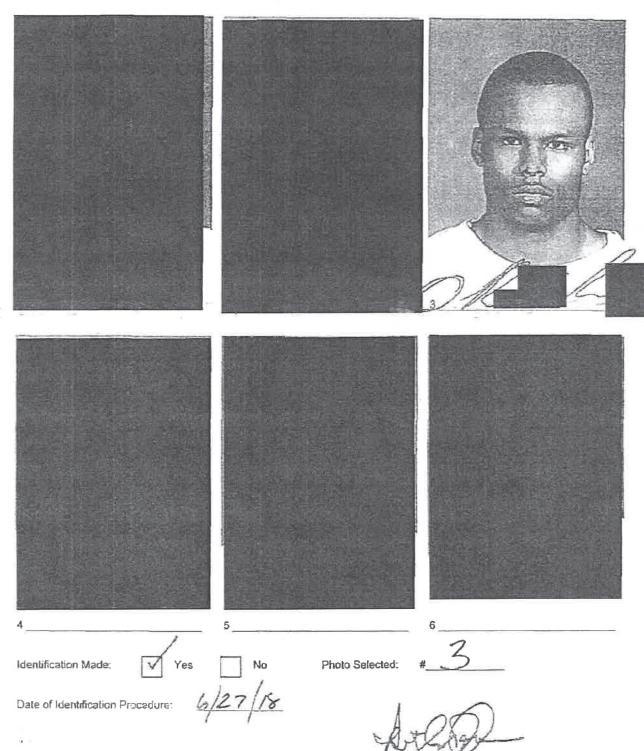
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# Exhibit C

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Claimant,

-against-

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

Respondent.

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                MR. YAO: Yes.
           GLEN CARWELL, after having
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     first been duly sworn by a Notary Public of
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     the State of New York, was examined and
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    testified as follows:
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     EXAMINATION BY DARIN BILLIG, ESQ.:
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               Please state your name for the
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          Q.
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     record.
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4 1 GLEN CARWELL 2 Glen Carwell. Α. 0. What is your present home address? 1435 Ogden Avenue, Apartment 4D, 4 Bronx, New York 10452. 5 6 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Carwell. Good afternoon, sir. Α. 8 0. My name is Darin Billig. I am the 9 attorney for The City of New York. I am going 10 to take your hearing testimony today. Have you ever testified before in 11 12 your life? 13 At a hearing like this, no. A. 14 Okay. How about at a trial? 0. Not to my knowledge. I can't 15 Α. 16 recall. So I am going to ask you a series 17 of questions today about an arrest, the 18 19 criminal proceedings, and a little bit about your background. You give answers to these 20 questions to the best of your ability. 21 We have a court reporter on the line 22 with us. She is recording everything that we 23 say so you have to give a verbal response. If 24 you nod your head you have to say yes or no at 25

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                      GLEN CARWELL
     the same time. Okay?
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         A.
                Okay.
               Also be patient; let me finish the
 4
    question first. And the most important
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    instruction is if you do not understand the
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    cuestion, you are confused in any way, please
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 8
    let me know.
             Is that fair?
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               Absolutely.
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         A.
         Q. Are you taking any medication
11
    today for any reason?
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               No.
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      - A.
         Q. Do you take any medication on a
14
    regular basis that you simply did not take
15
   today?
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         Α.
              No.
17
            What is your date of birth?
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         0.
19
         Α.
              And what is your Social Security
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          0.
     number?
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                MR. YAO: I'm sorry. Just the
22
         last four digits.
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                MR. BILLIG: Just the birth year
24
         on the record.
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1	GLEN CARWELL	
2	Q. Give me your whole Social Security	
3	number.	
4	MR. YAO: Mr. Carwell, you can	
5	tell him your whole Social Security and	
6	the date of birth on the record. We are	
7	going to put the last four digits and the	
8	year.	
9	A. Not a problem.	
10		
11	Q. Are you married?	
12	A. Yes, I am.	
13	Q. What is your spouse's name?	
14	A. Alicia Delgado.	
15	Q. How long have you been married?	
16	A. Four years.	
17	Q. Does your wife work?	
18	A. Yes.	
19	Q. Do you know what type of work she	
20	does?	
21	A. Security.	
22	Q. Do you have any children?	
23	A. Yes.	
24	Q. How many children do you have?	
25	A. I have three.	
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1		GLEN CARWELL	
2	Q.	How old are they?	
3	Α.	Three, one, and nine months.	
4	Q.	Who lives with you at your current	
5	address?		
6	Α.	My aunt.	
7	Q.	Your three children live with	
8	their res	pective mother or mothers?	
9	A.	No. Yes, they live with their	
10	mothers.	They live with their mothers.	
11	Q.	Are you required to pay	
12	Court-Ord	ered child support for any of your	
-13	shildren?	The second secon	>
14	A.	No.	
15	Q.	How long have you lived at the	
16	Ogden Ave	nue address?	
17	Α.	I want to say two years.	
18	Q.	Where did you live before that?	
19	A.	48 Lincoln Terrace, Yonkers, New	
20	York.		
21	Q.	That was an apartment building?	
22	Α.	Yes, Apartment 3.	
23	Q.	How long did you live there?	
24	Α.	About two years.	
25	Q.	Do you remember where you lived	

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                        GLEN CARWELL
 1
     right before that?
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 3
          A.
                 Yes.
          0.
                 Where was that?
 5
                 4417 Third Avenue, in the --
          A.
          0.
                 In the Bronx?
                 Yes. Bronx, New York.
          Α.
                 How long were you living at that
 8
          0.
 9
     =ddress?
                 I can't recall how many years.
10
          A.
11
          0.
                 More than five years?
                 I want to say, I am going to say.
12
          Α.
                 When you lived at Lincoln Terrace,
13
          0
     did you live alone or with anyone?
14
                 I lived with my wife and my kids.
15
          Α.
16
                 So at the time it was just now the
          0.
     oldest, the three year old, correct?
17
                 No. Actually, no. I think even
18
     my little one -- no, it was -- yeah, it was
19
     just her at the time, just my three year old
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     at the time. She was pregnant, I think she
21
     was pregnant though, I think.
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                 How tall are you?
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          0.
                 About five-eleven.
24
          Α.
25
                 How much do you weigh?
          Q.
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1		GLEN CARWELL	
2	A.	150.	
3	Q.	Was that your approximate weight	
4	at the time	of your arrest?	
5	Α.	No. I weighed a little more,	
6	yeah. I wa	s probably around 165.	
7	Q.	Are you employed?	
8	Α.	No, not at the moment.	
9	Q.	At the time of this arrest, did	
10	you have a	job?	
11	A.	Yes, I did.	
12	Q.	What type of work were you doing	
13	at the time	of this arrest?	
14	A.	Construction.	
15	Q.	Do you remember who you were	
16	working for	? ×	
17	A.	Yes, J&P Construction.	
18	Q.	As a result of this arrest, did	
19	you miss an	y time from work?	
20	Α.	Yes.	
21	Q.	How much time did you miss from	
22	work?		0.00
23	Α.	I was laid off.	
24	Q.	What was the reason that you were	
25	laid off?		

10 1 GLEN CARWELL Because I was incarcerated. 2 A. 3 Q. Have you had a job since that job? A. No, I haven't. 0. How much were you earning from J&P Construction? Actually they was paying me weekly A. and they would give me 800 a week. 8 9 Q. Were you being paid in cash off the books? 10 11 A. Yes. Q. What is your highest level of 12 education? 13 Tenth grade. 14 A. 15 Q. Do you have health insurance? 16 Α. No, I don't. Q. Do you receive either Medicare or 17 Medicaid benefits? 18 19 A. Yes. Q. Do you get Medicaid? 20 A. Yes, Medicaid. I receive 21 22 Medicaid. I apologize. 23 Q. That is okay. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? 24 A. Excuse me? 25

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1	GLEN CARWELL
2	Q. Have you ever been
3	MR. YAO: I'm sorry, objection.
4	It's not relevant to this conversation.
5	MR. BILLIG: You are not letting
6	him answer about a criminal conviction on
7	a false arrest claim?
8	MR. YAO: Not criminal history.
9	Not criminal history.
10	MR. BILLIG: I didn't ask
11	arrests, just convictions.
12	MR. YAO: Prior convictions,
13	prior. convictions.
14	MR. BILLIG: I asked him about
15	prior convictions. Are you letting him
16	answer that question?
17	MR. YAO: I object to that
18	because it's irrelevant to this
19	proceeding.
20	MR. BILLIG: Okay. So this a
21	false arrest claim. You are not
22	permitting him to answer about prior
23	convictions?
24	Is that what you are telling me?
25	MR. YAO: Right, right.

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1	GLEN CARWELL
2	MR. BILLIG: Okay.
3	MR. YAO: The reason being the
4	City can, of course, have that. I
5	believe the City already has that
6	information, so.
7	MR. BILLIG: Actually the
8	Comptroller's office, who manages the
9	claims, doesn't have that information
10	and, no, they wouldn't have that
11	necessarily until he releases that
12	information. So at this point they
13	. wouldn't have that.
14	MR. YAO: Understand. Right.
15	Like I said, it's our position that it's
16	irrelevant to the case being disputed. I
17	am talking about his prior conviction.
18	MR. BILLIG: I don't have a
19	judge here so I am not going
20	As you are well aware convictions
21	are pursuant to the CPLR, are admissible
22	in any civil proceeding. So they are
23	admissible by State law. I don't even
24	have to show they are relevant. The
25	statute permits it, but regardless

13 1 GLEN CARWELL Q. Have you ever filed another claim 3 against the City of New York? 4 A. No. 5 Q. Have you ever filed a claim against the State of New York? 6 A. No. 7 8 Q. The arrest that we are here to discuss today, what date did it occur? 10 A. If I'm not mistaken it was July, around July 26, 2018. 11 12 Q. On that day were you either on probation or parole? 13 A. No. 14 15 Q. What time of day did you get 16 arrested? 17 A. I want to say anywhere from between ten and twelve o'clock. 18 Q. Morning or evening? 19 20 A. Morning. Q. Where did the arrest occur? 21 22 A. At 48 Lincoln Terrace, Yonkers, 23 New York, Apartment 3. Q. That is where you were residing at 24 25 the time, correct?

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                     GLEN CARWELL
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        A. Yes, correct.
         Q. Prior to the time of the arrest,
 3
    were you aware that NYPD was trying to contact
 4
 5
    you?
         A. I would like -- can I ask my
    lawyer a question?
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              MR. YAO: You can answer that,
 8
         yes. Can you rephrase?
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              MR. BILLIG: Can you repeat the
10
       question again.
11
               (Whereupon, the requested portion
12
   of the record was read back.)
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     Q. On July 26th did the police show
14
    up at your home?
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             Yes, they did, sir.
16
         A.
         Q. Before they showed up that day,
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    did they try to reach out to you in any other
18
19
    way?
         A. I mean, not to my knowledge. No.
20
         Q. Did you know the police were
21
     trying to reach out to you before they showed
22
    up at your apartment?
23
         A. Did I know the police was looking
24
    for me?
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15 1 GLEN CARWELL 2 Q. Yes. Did you know the police were looking for you at that point? 3 4 Α. No, I actually didn't. 5 Q. So who was home when the police arrived? Α. My wife, her son, and my daughter. 7 Q. So the daughter was an infant at the time, correct? 10 Α. Correct. And Alicia's son, how old was he 11 Q. 12 at the time? A. . He was, I would believe; fifteen. 13 Did the police knock on the front 14 Q. door of the apartment? 15 16 A. Yes. Who went to answer the door? 17 0. 18 Α. My wife. 19 0. Were you able to hear the conversation between your wife and the police 20 at that point? 21 No, not at the beginning. No. 22 Did your wife open up the door for 23 Q. the police? 24 25 A. Yes.

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                     GLEN CARWELL
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        Q. Did the police come into the
 3
    apartment?
         A.
            Yes.
         Q. How many officers were there?
         Α.
           I am not sure how many officers
    exactly was there.
7
8
         Q. Approximately?
         A. Around the whole house and
9
    everything or came in the house?
10
11
            How many came into the apartment?
        A. If I am not mistaken, three, four,
12
  five.
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                        Carlo State Allen
    Q. Were they in uniforms or
14
   plain-clothes?
15
        A. Plain-clothes.
16
         Q. When they came in, did they
17
    identify themselves as NYPD?
18
19
        A. Yes. They, my wife -- to my
    knowledge they said they had a warrant and
20
    never displayed no warrant.
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22
        O. As you sit here today, did they
    have a warrant for your arrest?
23
24
         A. No. They never presented a
25
    warrant at all.
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17 1 GLEN CARWELL Q. I understand. In your criminal 2 case did it ever come up as an issue that they didn't have the warrant to show you in the 5 first place to arrest you? A. In the beginning, in the beginning, at my pre, at my arraignment, it 7 8 came up at the arraignment about the warrant and it was never printed. 9 Q. Did the police eventually present 10 11 a warrant? A. No, never. 12 Q. And the police indicated the 13 warrant was for you, correct? 14 To my knowledge, yes. 15 O. What room were you in when you 16 first saw the police? 17 A. I was right in front of the door. 18 I walked to the door. I told my wife to open 19 20 the door for them. Q. When the police saw you, did they 21 ask you "are you Glen Carwell"? 22 23 A. Yes.

Q. What was your response?

"Yes, sir."

A .

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1		GLEN CARWELL	
2	Q.	Then what did the police do next?	
3	Α.	Immediately handcuffed me.	
4	Q.	Did you physically resist at all?	
5	Α.	No.	
6	Q.	At that point did they tell you	
7	why you wer	e being arrested?	
8	A.	No.	
9	Q.	Then they escorted you out of the	
10	building to	a police vehicle, correct?	
11	Α.	Yes, correct.	
12	Q.	From Yonkers where were you	
1:3	brcught?		T
14	A.	To the Bronx, 42nd Precinct.	
15	Q.	At the precinct were you	
16	questioned	at all?	
17	Α.	No.	
18	Q.	At the precinct were you told why	
19	you were be	ing arrested?	
20	Α.	No. I found out I was being	
21	arrested wh	en I got to central booking and I	
22	finally see	n my lawyer.	
23	Q.	I will get to that. Okay, at the	
24	precinct we	re you brought for a lineup?	
25	Α.	No.	

19 1 GLEN CARWELL Q. Do you know the names of any of 2 the officers involved in the arrest? 3 No, I don't, sir. 5 At the precinct did any of the Q. officers use physical force on you? 6 7 No, they just extremely --Α. handcuffs were extremely tight. 8 9 Q. About how long did they keep you at the precinct? 10 I am not sure. Hours, hours. 11 Α. Q. Sometime later in the day on the 12 13 5 26th they brought you to Bronx central ... 14 booking? A. Yes, sir. 15 16 Q. Did you have to stay overnight at central booking? 17 Yes, sir. 18 Α. Q. Were you arraigned the next day, 19 the 27th? 20 Yes, sir. 21 Α. Q. Before seeing the judge for the 22 arraignment, did you have an opportunity to 23 speak to an attorney? 24 25 A. Yes.

20 1 GLEN CARWELL Was it a court-appointed attorney? 0. 3 Α. Yes. Did the court-appointed attorney 4 0. represent you throughout your criminal case? 5 6 Α. Yes. 7 0. Legal Aid or Bronx Defenders? Bronx Defenders. Α. What were the charges against you? Ο. The charges were -- what was the 10 charges. I think -- what were the charges. 11 Again, if I'm not mistaken it was 12 robbery, resisting arrest, yeah. I think -1.3 robbery and resisting arrest, if I'm not 14 15 mistaken. In connection with the alleged 16 robbery, was anyone else arrested? 17 18 Α. Yes. Did you have co-defendants? 19 0. 20 Α. Yes, I had one. What was the name of your 21 0. 22 co-defendant? I don't even remember his name, Α. 23 24 honestly. Now, was that individual arrested 25 Q.

21 1 GLEN CARWELL on a different day than you? 3 Α. Yes. 4 Do you remember who got arrested 0. 5 first? 6 A. No, I really don't. 7 But at some point on the court dates both of you showed up, correct? 8 9 Α. No. 10 0. All right. So let's start off, 11 did the judge set bail for you? 12 Α. Yes. How much? 13-14 A. \$25,000. 15 Q. At that point were you able to 16 post the bail? 17 Correct, bond for \$2500. Α. 18 0. Did they keep you at the courthouse knowing that you were going to post 19 the bail? 20 A. I did make bail from the 21 22 courthouse. 23 When were you released on bail? 0. Sometime at night between seven 24 A. 25 and nine o'clock. Yes, between seven and nine

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- 1 GLEN CARWELL
- 2 o'clock.
- 3 Q. On July 27th?
- A. No. I want to say, I think the
- 5 28th or the 29th, yes. It's either the 28th
- 6 or the 29th or the 27th. I am not quite sure
- 7 of the date.
- 8 Q. How long were you in custody
- 9 before you got released on bail?
- 10 A. I think two days, a day or two.
- 11 Not quite sure.
- 12 O. As a result of the arrest and
- neriod of custody, did you sustain any
- 14 physical injury?
- 15 A. Just, what is the name like, no,
- 16 my whole mind frame is just, I am not able to
- 17 you know, like.
- 18 Q. I am going to get to your
- 19 emotional injuries later. How about any
- 20 physical?
- 21 A. No, I wasn't in no way besides the
- 22 handcuffs squeezing my wrists. That is all.
- 23 Q. For the injury to your wrists, did
- 24 you have to seek any medical treatment?
- 25 A. No, I did not.

23 GLEN CARWELL 1 Q. For how long after the arrest did 2 your wrists bother you? 3 Not long, just for a few hours. 4 Α. 5 Q. Now, the alleged robbery, when did it allegedly occur? 6 I don't have no clue. 7 Α. Q. What did you learn, when did it cccur? 9 A. Honestly, I never received any 10 papers, anything. I was, I don't know, I 11 think 2016 or something, I want to say, like 12 2016. I am not sure. I am not sure. 13 2016, 2017. 14 15 O. Do you know who the alleged victim was? 16 I have no clue. 17 Α. O. Was it a person who was robbed or 18 19 a store or --A. A person supposedly. 20 Q. What was purportedly stolen? 21 22 A. I have no clue. MR. YAO: Objection. Please let 23 me talk. I have a question. You are 24 asking questions my client has no 25

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1	GLEN CARWEIL
2	information about. He was not involved
3	in the robbery.
4	THE WITNESS: Exactly.
5	MR. BILLIG: I am asking whether
6	or not he learned in the criminal case
7	what the allegations are against him. I
8	am not asking him to admit if they are
9	true or not.
10	THE WITNESS: They never gave me
11	no papers letting me know anything about
12	the case. That is what I am trying to
13	tell you.
14	MR. YAO: Mr. Carwell, please.
15	MR. BILLIG: After you got
16	arrested, the case lasted for a period of
17	time. Maybe through conversation with
18	your attorney or something you learned
19	what they were claiming you had done.
20	That is why I am asking.
21	MR. YAO: I understand. I am
22	just saying we are asking questions now
23	that he has no information about.
24	MR. BILLIG: I don't know if he
25	doesn't have any information about it. I

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                       GLEN CARWELL
I
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          am not saying he did it.
                 That is why I am being careful to
 3
          say "alleged" or "purported." I am
 4
          specifically wording it so I didn't
          implicate that he did anything.
 6
                                 I don't have any
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                 THE WITNESS:
          other record with respect to the arrest.
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 9
          I know nothing.
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                 MR. YAO:
                             Right.
                 MR. BILLIG: The purpose of this
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          is information gathering and if I get
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     that it's double and triple hearsay, at
          least it's some information. It may not
14
          be reliable but at least it's something.
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                          I will let the client
                 MR. YAO:
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          answer, but I am just hoping the question
17
          is like you said. Let's phrase it in a
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19
          way --
                 MR. BILLIG: I am trying to
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          phrase it -- I am not saying robbery you
21
22
          were involved in.
                 When did it occur, this purported
23
            Do you know how you got identified?
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     crime?
                 No. I have no clue how I get
25
          Α.
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    identified.
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         O. Now, was it alleged that the
3
    robbery involved a weapon?
         Α.
              Yes, it was.
         Q. Was the alleged weapon involved in
    this alleged robbery a firearm or something
7
    else?
8
             I don't know. They just said
         A.
9
   weapon so I wouldn't have a clue.
10
         Q. Was the case against you presented
11
    to a grand jury?
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    A. NorT didn't go in front of a
13
    grand jury. It was not presented in front of
14
    a grand jury. Oh, wait, excuse me, excuse me.
15
              Did they indict you?
16
         0.
            Yes, yes.
         A.
17
               So a grand jury did indict you?
18
         Q.
19
         A.
               Yes, sir.
             Did you testify before the grand
         Q.
20
     jury?
21
                No.
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        Α.
                Was the co-defendant also
23
         0,
     indicted?
24
                I can't hear you. I took my head
25
         A.
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- 1 GLEN CARWELL
- 2 phones out because I don't want my phone to
- 3 die. I got to -- hold on.
- 4 Q. I hear you.
- 5 A. Let me put them back in.
- 6 Q. Your co-defendant, was he also
- 7 indicted?
- 8 A. That I am not sure. I didn't know
- 9 anything about him.
- 10 Q. When you would go to court, to
- 11 criminal court, was it just you and your
- 12 attorney and the DA?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. About how many times did you have
- 15 to go to criminal court?
- 16 A. A lot, I can't recall. I mean, it
- 17 was about two years, if I'm not mistaken. Let
- 18 me see, yes, about a year and a half, two
- 19 years of court dates, going to court a lot. I
- 20 don't know exactly off the, you know.
- Q. Was your case ever scheduled for
- 22 trial?
- 23 A. Yes, yes.
- Q. Were there ever any type of
- 25 evidentiary hearings or suppression hearings,

28 1 GLEN CARWELL 2 where the officers or someone had to testify? Α. No. Did the case go to trial? 0. 5 Α. No. How many times was the case 6 0. scheduled for trial? 7 8 I am not a hundred percent sure on how many times it was scheduled for trial. 9 Was it scheduled more than once? 10 Yes, sir. 11 Α. On at least one occasion, maybe 12 more, when you appeared for trial, did the DA 13 14 request an adjournment because they weren't ready for some reason? 15 16 Α. Yes. About how many times did that 17 happen where the DA asked for an adjournment 18 19 where they weren't ready? A lot. I don't know how many. 20 Α. A lot. 21

- Q. Was it ever scheduled for trial
- 23 where the judge or the Court said I'm
- 24 adjourning it because we either don't have a
- 25 judge or a room for you anyway?

29 1 GLEN CARWELL 2 A . No. 3 0. That never happened? No. Not to my knowledge, no. 4 Α. 5 Q. When was the last time that you appeared in court for this matter? 6 A. I think my case was dismissed on 7 January 15th. 8 Q. Of this year? 9 Yes, of 2020. 10 Α. O. Was the case scheduled for trial 11 12 again on that day? 13 A. I am not sure. Q. Now, before you went to court on 14 15 January 15th, did you know what was going to happen that day? Had you had an indication 16 17 through your attorney that the case might get dismissed? 18 A. I actually, I can't recall. I 19 can't recall. Yeah, I can't recall. 20 Q. Now, what happened when you went 21 22 to court on January 15th? A. My lawyer, the judge, they 23 24 dismissed the charges against me. O. Did the DA consent to that 25

30 GLEN CARWELL 1 dismissal? 2 Α. I am not sure. Did they make a motion to drop the 0. 5 charges? Who, the DA? Α. Yes. Did they ask to have the 7 0. charges dropped? I am not sure. I don't think so. Α. I don't think so. 10 Did the judge --Q. 11 I don't think so. A. 12 Q. Did the judge give a reason why. 13 the case was being dismissed? 14 A. Yes, lack of evidence, things like 15 that. We have been going to court but I was 16 just going, for what? The judge, he basically got tired of it, I think, you know. 18 MR. YAO: Can I interject. 19 Mr. Carwell, if you don't know, say "I 20 don't know." If you don't remember, say 21 22 you don't remember. A. I really don't. I really don't 23 remember. These are questions that I don't 24

know.

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31 1 GLEN CARWELL 2 Q. How did this whole experience, 3 getting arrested, having to go to court for 4 about a year and a half, affect you 5 psychologically or emotionally? 6 A. First off, I lost my family. That 7 is first. My wife, she left me, then didn't want nothing to do with me anymore. It scared 9 her. 10 Me, I still wake up at night, you 11 know, sweating, thinking about it. I am a 12 little, you know, it frightened me. I don't 13 know, I always think now seeing police, now 14 they are trying to get me, you know. I am affected in ways. I lost my job, I was taking 15 16 care of my family, providing. I lost that. 17 Were any of these issues where you 18 had to seek treatment with a mental health 19 care professional? 20 No, I haven't. Α. 21 MR. BILLIG: That all I have. 22 Thank you. (Whereupon, the examination of 23 24 this witness was concluded. Time noted, 25 4:01 p.m.)

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2	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	
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4	STATE OF NEW YORK )	
5	SS	
6	COUNTY OF )	
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8	I, GLEN CARWELL , hereby certify, I	
9	have read the transcript of my testimony	
10	taken under oath in my 50(h) Hearing of	
11	August 20, 2020; that the transcript is a	
12	true, complete and correct record of what	
13	was asked, answered and said during this	
14	50(h) Hearing, and that the answers on	
15	the record as given by me are true and	
16	correct.	
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19	GLEN CARWELL	
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21	Sworn and subscribed to before me	
22	on this day of 2020.	
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25	NOTARY PUBLIC	

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1		CERTIFICATE	
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3		I, ELANA OVED, a Shorthand Reporter	
4		and Notary Public within and for the	
5		State of New York, do hereby certify:	
6		THAT GLEN CARWELL, the witness whose	
7		50(h) Hearing is hereinbefore set forth,	
8		was duly sworn by me and that such 50(h)	
9		Hearing is a true record of the testimony	
10		given by such witness.	
11		I further certify that I am not	
12		related to any of the parties to this	
13	THE STATE OF THE S	action by blood or marriage and that I ama	-
14		in no way interested in the outcome of	
15		this matter.	
16		In witness whereof, I have hereunto	
17		set my hand this 2nd day of September, 2020.	
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